

ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL



STATE BOARD MEETING DATE March 26, 2012

SUBJECT: Adult Education Transforming Education through Technology Pilot

SUBMITTED BY: Karen Liersch

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education Services (ADE/AES) strives to increase the literacy level of Arizona's adults who lack a high school credential and/or lack the skills necessary to function effectively in the workforce or transition to postsecondary education. This year, ADE/AES funded three ADE-sponsored adult education providers to pilot innovative and transformative strategies that effectively utilize technology integration and a one-to-one computing model to serve a cadre of learners. Cochise College was one of the three and was awarded \$42,258 (State Board approved on September 26, 2011).

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [] INFORMATION [X] ACTION/DESCRIBED BELOW:

Approve additional funds for Cochise College Adult Education in Year One of a Two-year Contract

ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO []

CONTRACT ABSTRACT

Proposed contract between the State Board of Education, acting for and on behalf of the Department of Education and the following party(ies):

Name of Contracting Party (ies)

Cochise College Adult Education \$7,742

TOTAL \$7,742

Purpose

ADE/AES is seeking additional funds (\$7,742) for Cochise College to further its efforts to build the capacity of their system to serve more learners, while also increasing those learners' accessibility to intensive supported educational opportunities. The original board-approved budget of \$42,258 did not include the cost of equipment necessary to complete the pilot. This \$7,742 will enable Cochise College Adult Education to implement the pilot at the same \$50,000 budget of the other two programs.

Eligible Applicants

Adult Education providers currently funded by the Arizona Department of Education.

Contract Amount

Not to exceed \$7,742

Source of Funds

Authorizing Legislation: The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 allows State Leadership Funds to be used for collaboration building.

Index No(s): 13366 and 23364

Responsible Unit at Department of Education

Adult Education Services

Deputy Associate Superintendent: Karen Liersch

Program Contact: Jerald Goode or Janice Cruz

Dates of Contract

October 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Previous Contract History

The Board has approved the awarding of Federal State Leadership money for pilot programs to existing ADE/AES-funded adult education programs since 1998.

Number Affected (Students, Teachers, Public, as appropriate)

Approximately 540 students enrolled in the three adult education pilot programs will benefit directly from the Arizona Adult Education Transforming Education through Technology Pilot. In addition, the entire Arizona adult education system, serving 20,000+ adult learners per year, will benefit from the lessons learned by the pilots.

Method of Determining Contract Amount(s)

As part of its Arizona Adult Education Transforming Education through Technology Grant Application, applicants submitted budgets and budget detail sheets describing the fiscal needs necessary to carry out the proposed pilot activities. These documents were reviewed by the grant review committee. Factors considered were: (1) Proven track record in providing high quality educational services to adult learners in Arizona; (2) described need for capacity building efforts in the service area; (3) described success in the ability to collect and analyze data for program and system improvement efforts; (4) proposed pilot class set-up that is likely to increase the capacity of the system to serve more learners while incorporating access to increased instructional intensity for accelerated learning; and (5) qualifications of personnel on the pilot team.

Evaluation Plan

Pilots will collect, submit and analyze student level data relating to the implementation and anticipated outcomes. Informal reports will be submitted throughout the program year and a final evaluative report describing implementation results will be submitted by June 30, 2012. Throughout the pilot year, the ADE/AES will provide administrative oversight, state leadership, and technical assistance as needed. It will also require pilots to maintain accurate, detailed, and verifiable records of the disbursement of grant funds and submit a final fiscal report by June 30, 2012.